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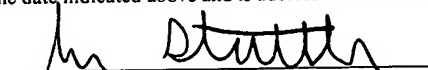
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendments is concurrently filed with the above-entitled application, which is a continuation application of a presently pending application Ser. No. 09/681,776, entitled "Diagonal Wiring Architecture For Integrated Circuit", filed on June 3, 2001, which is a continuation application of a presently pending application Ser. No. 09/733,104, entitled "Multi-Directional Wiring On A Single Metal Layer," filed on

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